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**LETTER**

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Sir:

As noted on page 2 of the Renewed Petition Under Rule 1.47(b), filed May 10, 2006, in connection with the present application, Abas, Inc. ("the Rule 1.47(b) applicant") submitted a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) in connection with several pending patent applications, including the present application. Some of those petitions have been granted, as in the case of the present application, while others are in various stages of being reviewed by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (PTO) or have been denied by the PTO.

As noted on page 3 of the Renewed Petition Under Rule 1.47(b), Abas, Inc., took legal action against Lutz May, the named inventor on the aforementioned patent applications. Abas, Inc., did so by filing a lawsuit against Lutz May in Germany. After the PTO issued its June 27, 2006, Decision on Petition in response to the Renewed Petition Under Rule 1.47(b), the German court hearing Abas, Inc.'s case issued its decision. The German court denied Abas, Inc.'s relief and, on information and belief, granted at least some of the claims of defendant Lutz May, citing recent decisions by the Superior Court Duesseldorf (SCD) and the German Supreme Court (GSC). The applicable law at issue was the German Civil Code ("BGB"), which relates to, *inter alia*, employee inventions.

The specific relief that the German court granted Lutz May included a denial that some of his inventions, including the present invention, belonged to Fast Technology at the time of Fast's insolvency. The decision is being appealed by Abas, Inc., on the basis that the German court improperly applied the facts of the case in view of the holdings of the aforementioned recent higher German court decisions. At this time, briefing papers have been submitted to the appeals court, but no oral proceedings have been completed and a decision by the appeals court has not issued.

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Respectfully submitted,

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